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CATTLE AND BUFFALO BREED
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a Comprehensive National Project on Cattle and Buffalo breeding;

(b) whether a total outlay of Rs.402 crores has been envisaged for the above project during the Ninth Plan; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE

(SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir.

(c): The project is yet to be approved by the Government. Salient features of the proposal are:

(i) merger of ongoing schemes Extension of Frozen Semen Technology, Progeny Testing Programme and National Bull Production Programme;

(ii) progressively bringing all breedable bovines under coverage of quality breeding services, either by artificial insemination or natural service and door step delivery of A.I. Services;

(iii) conservation of indigenous breeds;

(iv) development of synergies among various agencies involved in cattle and buffalo breeding;

(v) establish appropriate institutional structures to producer and supply high quality breeding inputs and services;

(vi) setting up standards for bulls, semen, semen laboratories and A.I. services to guarantee quality assurance;

(vii) training and retraining programme for inseminators and professionals;

(viii) total allocation for the scheme is likely to be modified depending on the number of years available for implementing the programmes during Ninth Plan.